

**Faculty Senate Meeting
Minutes
December 11, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium**

Pradeep Kumar called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. November 2014 minutes were approved.

Chair's Report

Pradeep Kumar, Faculty Senate Chair

- **Proclamation**

- After a fanfare titled "The Machen Fanfare" written by Music students Sean Bocinsky and Lucas Owen, Pradeep Kumar submitted a proclamation reading:
 - WHEREAS, President J. Bernard Machen has served the University of Florida with great compassion, wisdom and forbearance; and
 - WHEREAS, President J. Bernard Machen has served the University of Florida with great compassion, wisdom and forbearance; and
 - WHEREAS, President Machen came to the office at the beginning of the implementation of shared governance at the University of Florida, and he oversaw its initiation and supported shared governance throughout his tenure and through many challenges; and
 - WHEREAS, nearly half of his tenure was under seriously adverse economic conditions, and through it all he provided steady leadership, forthright communication and visionary plans for a sustainable recovery on an upward trajectory;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Faculty Senate of the University of Florida, at its regular meeting this 11th day of December, 2014, recognizes President J. Bernard Machen's most commendable service to the Faculty of the University of Florida.
- The Senate approved this unanimously.

Action Items:

- **Graduate Council**

**Paul Duncan, Assoc. Dean,
Graduate School**

- [New Major Sustainable Construction](#)
 - This item was approved
- [Close Major – MAT Philosophy](#)
 - This item was approved

- **Proposed [Revision of Bylaw 20\(A\)\(2\)\(b\)2](#)**

**Christine Fruin, Chair, Constitution
Committee**

CURRENT

(A)(2)(b)2 Academic Personnel Board.

The President will appoint six members, three of whom will be selected from a slate of nominees elected by the Faculty Senate from the faculty at large. All nominees must hold the rank of professor or above with strong teaching and research records, selected from a variety of disciplines. Three times as many nominees as openings will be provided annually. The Chair is appointed by the President or the President's designee.

The Academic Personnel Board advises the President with respect to promotion and tenure nominations, serving in a fact-finding and consultative role.

PROPOSED (approved by Constitution Committee 10/10/14 and 11/21/14)
(A)(2)(b)2 Academic Personnel Board.

The President will appoint ten members, five of whom will be selected from a slate of nominees elected by the Faculty Senate from the faculty at large. All faculty nominees must be senior-ranked faculty members with strong teaching and research records, selected from a variety of disciplines. Eligible faculty members are those who have attained the highest promotional rank in the faculty title series to which they are appointed and who do not also have an academic administrative appointment. Three times as many nominees as openings will be provided annually. The Chair is appointed by the President or the President's designee. The Academic Personnel Board advises the President with respect to promotion and tenure nominations, serving in a fact-finding and consultative role. The President may divide the Academic Personnel Board into more than one working group to expedite the review of nominations.

- This item was approved.

University Curriculum Committee

Bernard Mair, Assoc. Provost
Undergraduate Affairs

- [Approve Academic Calendar for 2018-2019](#)
 - David Groisser stated that he checked the state holidays and found that if a holiday falls on the weekend, it is to be observed on Friday or Monday. He is concerned that there are too many holidays in November and Homecoming continue in October.
 - Bernard suggested that he would welcome a discussion by faculty and creation of a new university policy that would change the observance of Veteran's Day. The 2018-2019 draft calendar is constructed under existing policy.
 - This item was approved.

Open Discussion from Senate Floor

- David Groisser was concerned about homecoming scheduled in November instead of October. He pointed out that the reason given for not having homecoming October 3 was because alumni would not like it. In 2005, homecoming was on October 8 and 2006 it was October 7. The idea that Oct 3 would be too early does not bear up under historical evidence.
- Clay Calvert stated that some in his college have raised the issue starting terms seems to be inconsistent at times, sometimes starting on Mondays and others on Tuesday.
- President Machen agreed that the calendar issue is an important matter. He tried twice to get the faculty's and student's attention about our calendar the way it is so scattered. He commends that the appropriate faculty senate committee take a serious look at the entire academic calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Senators Attending

Carrie Adams
Pasha Antonenko
Derek Barber
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Ramon Bautista
Jim Bice
Trevor Bopp

Gary Boulware
Dimitri Bourilkov
Jeannine Brady

Kendal Broad
Jason Butler
Clay Calvert
Edward Chan
Don Cohen
Christa Cook
Paul Davenport
Tammy Davidson
Julie Dodd
Silvio dos Santos
Robert Emerson
Kitty Emery
Roger Fillingim
Kate Fogarty
Lyn Gettys
Renee Goodrich
David Groisser
Jacob Hammer
Peter Hansen
Linda Hayward
Darryl Heard
Phyllis Hendry
Cindy Higgins
Alice Holmes
Amanda House
Aida Hozic
Ray Issa
Rae Jesano
Melissa Johnson
Edith Kaan
Joseph Katz
Mary Agnes Keith
Hayk Khachatryan
Dmitry Kopelevich
Dragan Kujundzic
Mei-Fang Lan
Sherry Larkin
Lora Levett
Oscar Liburd
Gillian Lord
Gene McAvoy
Kimberly Moore
Paul Mueller
Larry Muszynski
Esther Obonyo
Walter O'Dell
Anna Peterson
Andrew Pitkin
Caryn Plummer
Mario Poceski

George Pringle
Cindy Prins
Patrick Reakes
Sarah Reuss
Mary Risner
Jeffrey Rollins
Andrew Rosalsky
Peter Sayeski
John Schueller
Nipa Shah
Elizabeth Shephard
Steve Shugan
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi
Keith Stanfill
Nicole Stedman
Stacey Steinberg
Laurie Taylor
Margaret Temple-Smith
Ray Thomas
Sonal Tuli
Heather Vincent
Katie Vogel-Anderson
Ann Wehmeyer
Sandra Wilson
Caroline Wiltshire
Yafeng Yin
Mary Ellen Young

Liaisons

Christine Fruin
Marc Heft
Pradeep Kumar
Angel Kwolek-Folland
Bernie Machen
Barbara Wingo

Students

Josh Neumann

Guests

Paul Duncan
Bernard Mair
Brian Marchman